

## REMARKS

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Claims 1-16 remain in the application, all having been amended as indicated. New claims 17-23 have been added.

Claim 1 has been amended to correct the portions which were objected to by the examiner as narrative and indefinite namely the recitation of "whose" and the use of "and/or". Amended claim 1 no longer recites these terms. In amending claim 1 to exclude the term "and/or" applicants accordingly have presented new independent claims 17-22 which are rewritten versions of claim 1 directed to each possible combination that could exist.

Dependent claims 2-16 have been amended to depend either directly or indirectly from new independent claim 18. All dependent claims have been corrected so that they recite preambles which are consistent with one another and with independent claim 18. Each preamble is directed to a toggle bar link assembly.

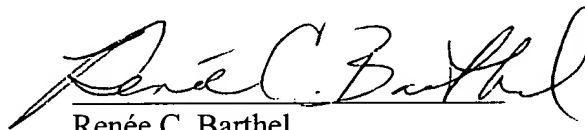
New dependent claim 23 is a rewritten version of claim 11 except that it is directed to the alternative language previously recited after the "and/or" term in original claim 11, which term is now deleted.

As to the §102 rejection, applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-23 as newly submitted or amended are distinguishable over Klimeck 4,813,747. Klimeck 4,813,747 is no different than the prior art discussed in applicants specification on pages 3 and 4. Applicants describe the previously proposed constructions which require "a multiplicity of different variously constructed individual components" which are required for the production

of toggle bar links. This characterization is consistent with Klimeck's disclosure. In column 3, lines 40-50, Klimeck discloses a variety of parts having varying dimensions.

In contrast, the applicant's invention is directed to facilitate the cost, effect and production of pans and guideway pans including the associated elements for toggle bar links by requiring only three parts in their manufacture. These three parts are a cross bar shape, a toggle bar socket form and a securing element form. (Pages 3 and 4). The present invention reduces the number of parts and gives them symmetry. So only a minimal number of parts are required thereby facilitating large scale production. Errors during manufacture and assembly are minimized and thus the parts are easy to install and assemble. As a result, the claimed invention results in a novel improvement over the prior art in particular Klimeck 4,813,747 and it should be allowable.

Respectfully submitted,

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